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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
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1. IN MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY ON OCTOBER 2
IN NEW YORK THE FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED SATISFACTION
WITH THE RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN SWEDISH-AMERICAN
RELATIONS. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT HE HAD
SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THE MEETING TO SYMBOLIZE
THIS IMPROVEMENT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S
QUESTION REGARDING CYPRUS, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT
IF WE CAN OBTAIN U.S. CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR
POLICIES, SOME PROGRESS CAN BE MADE, DESPITE THE
COMPLICATIONS POSED BY FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS IN
GREECE AND TURKEY. HE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE GREEK
GOVERNMENT WAS ANTI-AMERICAN IN PUBLIC, PRIVATELY IT
WAS SEEKING OUR SUPPORT.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY'S
MENTION IN HIS SPEECH OF THE PROBLEM OF CONTROLLING
FISSIONABLE MATERIAL. HE SAID THIS WAS OF GREAT
INTEREST TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT. THE SECRETARY
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SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO ENCOURAGING FURTHER

MOVEMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NPT, THE U.S. ALSO INTENDS TO TALK TO THE FRENCH AND THE SOVIETS REGARDING FURTHER SAFEGUARDS. WE WOULD LIKE THESE TO BE MORE STRINGENT THAN THE PRESENT IAEA STANDARDS DESIGNED TO PREVENT DIVERSION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED WHAT STEPS COULD BE TAKEN TO DECREASE TENSIONS IN VIET NAM. THE SECRETARY SAID THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO ABIDE STRICTLY BY ARTICLE 7 OF THE PARIS ACCORDS WHICH LIMITS RESUPPLY OF ARMS EXCLUSIVELY TO REPLACEMENT, BUT THE NORTH IS NOT. HE ASKED IF SWEDEN COULD EXERCISE ANY INFLUENCE OVER HANOI IN THIS RESPECT. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID SWEDISH INFLUENCE WAS VERY LIMITED. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE RESUMED WITHIN A FEW MONTHS, PERHAPS BASED ON A NEW PROPOSAL FROM THE SOUTH.

5. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REMARKED THAT SWEDEN EXPECTED TO BE ELECTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN JANUARY. THE SECRETARY SAID THE U.S. WOULD STAY IN TOUCH WITH SWEDEN ON UN MATTERS. REGARDING CAMBODIA, THE U.S. FAVORS AVOIDING A VOTE THIS YEAR. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID SWEDEN HAD ABSTAINED ON THE QUESTION LAST TIME, AND WOULD DO SO AGAIN THIS YEAR. WITH RESPECT TO KOREA, THE SECRETARY SAID THE U.S. DOES NOT OPPOSE THE ABOLITION OF THE UN COMMAND, BUT BELIEVES AN INSTRUMENT OF SOME KIND IS NEEDED TO FORM A LEGAL BASIS FOR THE ARMISTICE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THIS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT MATTER FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE UP.

6. TURNING TO CSCE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT PRIOR TO MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, HE HAD HAD A USEFUL DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT WITH MR. HARTMAN. THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT THE US IS IN NO HURRY TO END THE TALKS. BUT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT AN AGREED WESTERN POSITION SHOULD BE FORMULATED AND CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESENTED TO THE SOVIETS.

7. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT SWEDEN IS THE NUMBER ONE OIL-IMPORTING NATION IN THE WORLD ON A PER CAPITA BASIS. THEREFORE, IT IS GREATLY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN CASE OF A CRISIS. IN SPITE OF ITS NEUTRAL POSITION, THIS SEEEMS POSSIBLE. AND SWEDEN

HAS ALREADY CONSULTED WITH SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA
ON THE MATTER. THE SECRETARY SAID THE U.S. FAVORS
MEMBERSHIP OF ALL COUNTRIES WILLING TO MEET THE
CONDITIONS. HE AGREED THAT SUCH MEMBERSHIP WOULD
NOT AFFECT SWEDEN'S POLITICAL NEUTRALITY. THE U.S.
VIEW, SAID THE SECRETARY, IS THAT AT THIS STAGE,
PROGRESS TOWARD COOPERATION IS MORE IMPORTANT
THAN EFFORTS TO REDUCE OIL PRICES. PRICE REDUCTIONS
CANNOT BE EXPECTED UNTIL WE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS
COOPERATION.
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